WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Accidents in Atomic energy Plants

†4409. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that accidents are occurring very frequently in the various atomic energy plants in the country which is a matter of concern;

(b) if so, the details of the accidents occurred during the last ten years, reactor-wise/year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that adequate technical precautions are not adopted in these reactors;

(d) if so, whether Government would consider to close down these reactors or make them technically fit; and

(e) if so, the detials thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. Adequate technical precautions are taken at all the stages from design to operation of the nuclear power plants. The design of the Indian Nuclear Power Plants embodies appropriate, reliable and diverse safety systems with redundancy features incorporated. The atomic energy Regulatory Board issues clearances to nuclear power plants at various stages only after ensuring that all safety provisions are in place.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

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